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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of)
Gary T. Dane, et al.) Group: 3727
Serial No.: 10/685,247)
Filed: October 14, 2003)
Title: ORTHOPAEDIC INSTRUMENT) Examiner: Stephen J. Castellano
STERILIZATION CASE)

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for filing of the Amendment in the above-entitled application for one month from September 8, 2006 to October 8, 2006.

Applicants submit herewith credit card payment form PTO-2038 in the amount of \$60.00 which covers the Extension of Time Fee Required by 37 C.F.R. 1.17.

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